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Dear Howard,

I was not able to make enough copies of my today's answer to a second letter to Cyril. I am sending it to Jerry, who will make a copy for you. It seems that I help with what I oppose and uses several formulations I resent and have, I think politely and I hope subtly expressed my resentment and set forth what I hope will be a position I may be able to maintain and I believe is right. I was glad to be able to get Jerry's counsel on this. In short, what I oppose as wrong does not become right if I am consulted. And Cyril is the man who would not help me, repeatedly and long ago. I'll not serve his ego or ambition. I will serve our collective interest as I see it at any particular time. Conditions change.

Urult 19 with enclosures came today.

Great on your success with the Inquirer, but boo on not sending me copies! When you know to whom I've been writing? Please do, and fast. Only on Lattimer, and at least 3.

Your letter was unclear on Wecht having access. You put it both ways and I thought wound up as I apparently misunderstood. On Wech consulting me, as you now know, the time was long ago, not now when he can pick my brains for our hurt and his personal glorification.

Fine letter to Thomas. I am learning more about him fast. Not fast enough, but in time.

Thanks for the comment on the draft for inclusion in the epilogue. As this develops, and it already has, I may have to change more. I had forgotten what I wrote about the X-rays. Glad you caught it. I'll have to put this aside for now, but I have close to enough for the Lattimer part and as soon as I finally get overdue things done will get to that next. I have to write chapters by parts or they don't get done.

Reach your own decision, but suggest that you send your prospective publisher a copy of the Inquirer letter on Lattimer. That kind of thing can have a destructive effect on consideration of the book. Also send Jerry a clear copy so he can send others and provide copies in future. He has been helpful and there is nothing like a challenge and an initial error to touch. He's learning and will not face other such situations much more naturally.

Please send a copy of the Inquirer thing to Mr. Sid Hurlburt, c/o Senator Chubbes Nothing; and to Mr. Martin, c/o Senator Edward Kennedy, in each case typing my name on it and giving my return address. If you face a choice, do these before you send me any. Fast, please. That is ever so much more important than a radio show run by a nut. Ked apparently tried the same thing out there. Don't know the result. No word from him yet.

Congratulations on being able to distinguish between a tree and a forest, something your elders haven't been able to do yet. I have had no word from Sylvia and seek none. Cyril did not send me the reprint he sent her. Jerry phoned last night when I was half asleep, having gone to bed early because I'd been up to 3:30, but he is sending me something.

Best,